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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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Memorandum

Subject: Ex parte communication

Date: February 7, 2002

From: Dion Casey
Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel

Reply to
Attn of NCC-20

To: Docket NHTSA-1998-4369 - 2

On February 7, 2002, Dion Casey of NHTSA's Office of Chief Counsel had an ex parte telephone conversation with Todd B. Homan, Senior Engineer for Thieman Tailgates, Inc., concerning a petition for rulemaking submitted by Thieman. Mr. Casey requested the following information about Thieman's tuckunder liftgates: the vertical distance from the ground to the bottom of the liftgate at a distance 12 inches forward of the rear extremity of the trailer on which the liftgate is installed. Mr. Homan responded that the vertical distance ranged from 20 to 35 inches, depending on the liftgate model and the mounting configuration.

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